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Commemoration of Sinclair Inn, Annapolis Royal

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia, February 19, 1995 The national historic and architectural significance of the Sinclair Inn in Annapolis Royal has been formally recognized by means of a plaque of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. During a special ceremony held today at the King's Theatre, South West Nova M.P. Harry Verran unveiled the plaque on behalf of the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Honourable Michel Dupuy. The commemoration was held in conjunction with Heritage Day celebrations being organized throughout the week across the country.

Located on Saint George Street in the heart of the Annapolis Royal Historic District, the Sinclair Inn is an amalgamation of two 18th-century houses. The first, now the front end of the present building, is believed to date from 1710. The second was a larger one-storey house which local tavern-keeper Frederick Sinclair moved from another location. The Sinclairs were the innkeepers from the 1780s, when the Inn first opened, until 1818. The Inn continued to operate under various names until the 1950s. The building itself has undergone many phases of renovation, and now documents nearly 300 years of architectural history.

The ceremony was chaired by Dr. Margaret Conrad, the Nova Scotia representative on the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. The Board advises the Minister of Canadian Heritage on the national historic importance of people, events and places as well as the architectural interest of heritage buildings.

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